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JOAN YOUNG, EDITOR

The Big Shake-Up!

Good news! The "big shake-up" we promised you in our last newsletter has come about! We are now the Palm Beach State **College Retirees Association** (CRA) and we invite all retired employees from our College (instead of only retired faculty and administrators) to join us.

As our former President Bill Wilson wrote in his last message: "We expect that, with an influx of College-connected persons with various backgrounds and interests and abilities, the CRA will experience growth in activities and opportunities."

The College's Board of Trustees has endorsed our reorganization and administrators are working with our leaders to secure some benefits for our members, like use of the College's fitness center, computer lab use, college e-mail, parking privileges, a CRA web site, etc. And we've already had a happy social event. (See the article on the Card & Game Party elsewhere in this issue.)

If you know retirees from our College who are not members, please give them the good news. Invite them to contact one of our leaders. Or invite them to come to the next meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT... *Shelley Hill*

The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees has approved the expansion of the Palm Beach State College Retirees Association (CRA). Thus, on May 11, 2011, a slate of officers consisting of retired faculty, staff, and others were elected to lead the newly named organization:

President	Shelley Hill
Vice President	Nancy Buhl
Secretary	Joan Young (<i>re-elected</i>)
Treasurer	Honey Duncan (<i>re-elected</i>)

On behalf of the CRA, we wish to congratulate and thank Dr. Bill Wilson for serving over 13 years as President of this organization. It is through his leadership and support that the organization has existed these many years. He is to be commended for a job well done.

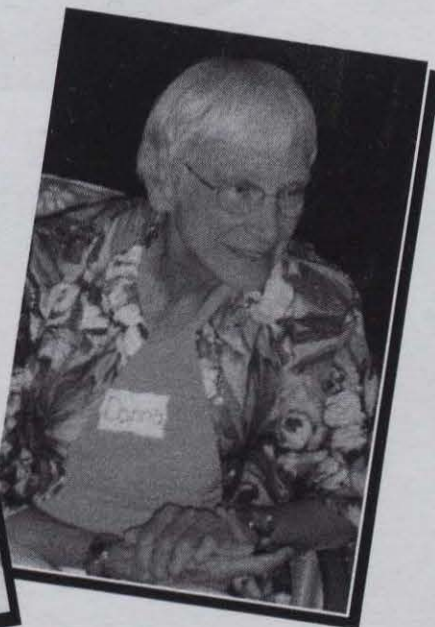
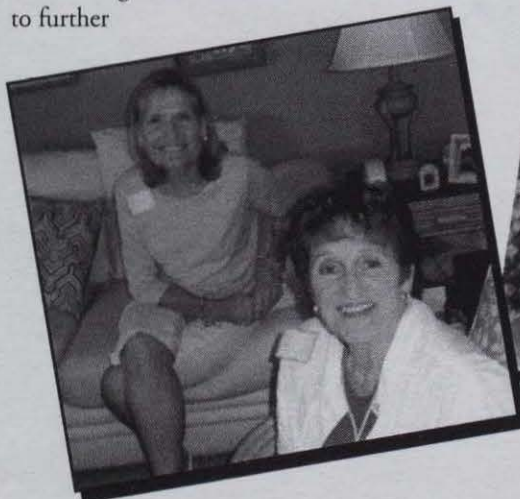
As this newly named organization moves forward, it is with a great deal of enthusiasm and support from our college administrators. Our liaison is Dr. Ellen Grace, Executive Director, Human Resources. We are working with Dr. Grace, Dick Becker (Vice President, Business & Administrative Services), and other college administrators to further

our retiree interests and goals. You should be hearing more about this as time goes by.

The College Relations & Marketing Department, with the support of its Director, Dr. Grace Truman, and Sue Rathbone, continues to assist our organization in mailings and printing. We are very grateful for their guidance and support.

We are also expanding and exploring new and varied ways/activities of involving our retirees and would appreciate any and all suggestions. Please do not hesitate to call or email me at 561-585-4200 and/or shelleybilltoby@bellsouth.net.

Our **next membership** meeting is scheduled for **October 21, 2011**, in the Faculty Dining Room/Lake Worth at **11:30 am**. A light lunch will be served with a guest speaker. The **Holiday Party** plans are in full swing for **December 9, 2011**, at the Atlantis Country Club beginning at **11:30 am**.



NEWS OF MEMBERS

Write to them! They'd love to hear from you! And send us your news!

Frank Adams and his wife, Kathy, write that their offer still stands for any of us to drop by for a visit if we are in the area near Atlanta or Chattanooga and enjoy some fresh vegetables straight from their garden. They both stay quite busy with church groups and sing in their church's choir.

Don and Kathleen Asher have been enjoying their summer at their Michigan home in Vassar. Don attended a reunion for the class of 1951. They will be back in Lake Worth by the middle of October, after stopping in Raleigh, NC, to visit with their daughter and grandchildren.

Celeste Beck is proud to let us know that her youngest son, Edward, has been accepted into Pharmacy School.

Bill Boorman spent Christmas and New Year's Eve in Madrid with his companion Margo's family.

Virginia Brooks writes that she and John spent most of the summer visiting with friends and family in the hills of East Tennessee. They also flew to Salt Lake City, where they joined a group from West Palm Beach for a Western tour through Utah, Nevada, California, and Arizona.

Also traveling to Arizona and Nevada was **Nancy Buhl** with her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons, all from Florida. In August, after touring Las Vegas, they traveled on to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, going from 105 degrees to 55 degrees in a matter of hours! When they headed south and explored the South, East, and West Rims, they enjoyed temperatures in the mid-80s. From there a scenic ride to

tour the awesome Hoover Dam brought them into an area experiencing 120 degrees! After another night in Las Vegas, the family returned to Florida with wonderful memories and more than 4,000 photos and videos! Besides serving as the CRA's Vice President, Nancy is an officer of the PBSC Chapter of the AFC and of the statewide AFC Retirees Commission.

"A genuine education in every way." That's how **Joanne and John Connolly** describe the bus tour of Italy they went on in late October last year.

Banna Ghiotto, at 94 probably our oldest member, was honored by the Lake Clarke Shores Town Council last December for "exemplary service" to her country and the town. Banna served actively as a nurse in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1950 and in the Army Reserves from 1950 to 1979, retiring with the rank of colonel. The "Little Colonel" (she is just under five feet tall) recently wrote thoughtful, inspirational, and entertaining essay about old age and her feelings about it. We intend to include it in our next newsletter for you all to enjoy, but for now here are some excerpts: *Old Age, I have decided, is a gift! I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become.*

Joan Holloway celebrated her 80th birthday with a huge party at her church. Party attendees included Barbara Scheffer, law professor at the Gardens Campus, and retirees Joann Pride and Virginia Brooks.

Jim Howell and his wife, **Pam**, have spent most of the summer at their home in Rangely, CO, but took several trips in their motorhome to visit National Parks—Zion,

Bryce, Arches, and Canyonland—and to "view petroglyphs around Moab, UT." In late August they celebrated Pam's and her sister's birthdays in CA. Their future travel plans include deer hunting and visiting family in West Virginia and Ohio.

Margaret Jones is enjoying her retirement, living next door to her daughter and family. Margaret recently had carpal tunnel surgery on both hands.

"The highlight of our summer," writes **Joanne Kelly**, "was hiking in California from Big Sur to Sequoia, although Jim [her husband] will say it was the Lake Worth 4th of July Raft Race." On the hike, as they were going down a trail, they suddenly found themselves face-to-face with a bear going up—about 20 feet away. "I can't tell you his size," she says, "because I was hiding behind my son, but luckily, he turned around over the side of the mountain." They also spent a wonderful day in San Francisco with friends. They're "dreaming about Paris and Poland for 2012."

In a town near San Francisco (Menlo Park), **Frank Littler** and his wife visited in August with their grandchildren: Sawyer, 7; Cooper, 5; and Auden, 3. They are looking forward to seeing them and their parents again on Thanksgiving at a big family reunion in New Jersey.

James McCue says his need for dialysis three times a week "really cramps my style."

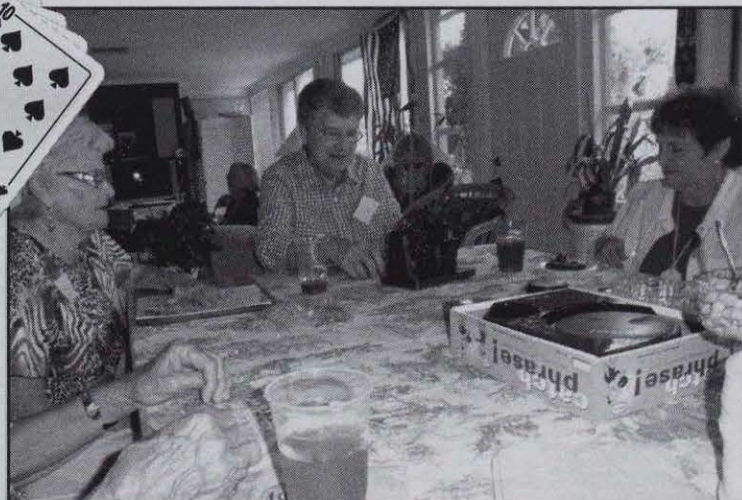
"Retired for the second time," says **Sunny Meyer**, "from writing, directing, staging, performing for the Wellington Seniors." Sunny turned 80 in June.

GAME PARTY A SUCCESS

"Fun! Food! Fellowship!" promised the invitation to the Card & Game Party that took place in Lake Clarke Shores in August. And these promises were fulfilled, according to members who participated.

Party-goers broke up into groups playing gin rummy, Scrabble and Bingo, while munching on a variety of snacks and veggies with dips and quenching their thirsts with iced tea and a variety of soft drinks. But the most fun, they all agree, came later, when all of them played a word game called Catch-A-Phrase, which "had us rolling in the aisles," says Nancy Buhl.

Members who missed the party should look forward to a repeat event in the future.



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Dan O'Connell aka President James Madison and his wife, **Ruth** aka Dolley Madison, continue their active careers as historic re-enactors. (See photo elsewhere in this issue.) They continue to travel the world as active members of the Circumnavigators Club. When home, they continue to expand and elaborate their butterfly garden and sanctuary. In June Dan was treated by Ruth to a "Celebrate 70" birthday party.

Mary Orsenigo toured California with two friends last April and especially enjoyed Yosemite National Park.

Art Schneider enjoys his summers in "America's vacationland, leading tours through our historical landmarks" in northern Michigan, but during the worst winter months in Michigan, he moves to a log cabin near Asheville.

Family, friends, and church activities are still keeping **Frankie Sprague** busy. Her three granddaughters are all at the University of

Florida, one heading for a PhD in biochemistry in 2012, one just completing a Master's in biochemistry, and one newly enrolled majoring in journalism and mass media.

Patricia Steen says she enjoyed herself at the CRA Card/Games party in August. One of her daughters has matriculated for a baccalaureate at PBSC and one of her granddaughters is in an Associate Degree program at PBSC. Patricia's hobby is collecting owls.

Tom Steffen writes that he is "enjoying retirement by working in the Space Business on the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station." His card identifies him as the Business Manager of SpaceTec, NSF National Resource Center for Aerospace Technical Education.

Betty (Woolfe) Torrey's husband for 60 years, Robert, passed away, and Betty is newly married to Donald Torrey. Betty

reports that she feels truly blessed to be still in good health and active in her retirement village.

Joan Young's daughter (Dale), daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters came from California and Texas for a visit in May. They enjoyed exploring City Place, shopping and eating their way through several nationalities. They also organized a Mexican Fiesta for Dale's birthday and invited all the local kinfolk. Besides serving as Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the CRA, Joan is Secretary for the PBSC Chapter of the AFC, and Secretary/Treasurer of the statewide AFC Retirees Commission.

Now for the sad news of the death of **John Barry Rogers**, who served the College as Controller and Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs, retiring in 1998. Barry passed away on Tuesday, September 6, in Lakeland.

MINUTES OF LUNCH MEETING OF MEMBERS

Faculty Dining Room, Lake Worth Campus - May 6, 2011

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

Lunch and Socializing, 11:00 -11:30 AM

Speaker Program Chair Shelley Hill introduced the speaker, Richard Becker, the College's Vice President of Administrative and Business Services, who presented an update on the effects of recent legislation on retirement and on the college. Becker also briefly described the recent, ongoing, and projected construction on the College's campuses, including an outdoor amphitheater just completed on the Palm Beach Gardens Campus. Completed on the Lake Worth Campus are a fire tower for firefighter training, a skid pad, and a chiller pad. In progress on the Lake Worth Campus is a Criminal Justice Training Center. A classroom building and more CJ facilities will be built on the Lake Worth Campus within the next three years. Also, the College is still actively seeking a site for a fifth campus. He ended by stating that the College's budget is very "bad" this year, anticipating decreased revenue. A Q & A session followed.

President Bill Wilson **called the meeting to order** at 12:00 noon. Twenty-one members were present. Wilson introduced himself and requested each attendee do the same.

Minutes Secretary Joan Young read aloud minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2010. No corrections or changes were suggested. **Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2010, as read. Passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Honey Duncan submitted a report for the period from October 23, 2010 through May 6, 2011, indicating a balance in the treasury of \$826.74.

Social Welfare Committee Report Wilson reported that Madge Royce had passed away.

Bylaws Committee Report As Chair of the Bylaws Committee (Joan Young, Shelley Hill, Nancy Buhl), Young submitted the Committee's recommendations for revisions to the bylaws (attached). The proposed revisions were read aloud and explained. There was no discussion. **Motion: To approve revisions to the association's bylaws as proposed. Passed unanimously.** Wilson announced that a copy of the revised bylaws would be sent to the College's Board of Trustees for its approval.

Nominations and Election of Officers From the Nominating Committee, Wilson submitted a slate of nominations for officers

for 2011-2013 in writing: President, Shelley Hill—Vice President, Nancy Buhl—Secretary, Joan Young—Treasurer, Honey Duncan, and asked for nominations from the floor. One nomination was made: Helen Franke for Secretary. There being no further nominations, the vote was taken in writing. The results were as follows:

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Vice President:	Nancy Buhl
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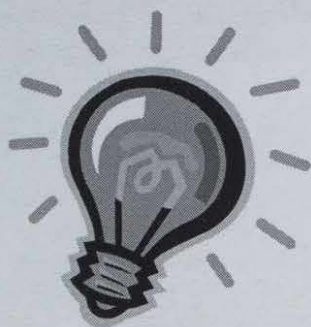
Shelley Hill thanked everyone and asked for a volunteer to chair the new Social Activities Committee. Bobbi Marsh accepted the position, and Helen Franke agreed to work on the committee with her. Hill said that she would announce the appointments of chairs for the remaining committees within the next few weeks.

The drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate for Atlantis Country Club was won by Joan Young.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

THESE MINUTES WILL BE SUBJECT TO CORRECTION AND APPROVAL BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS AT THE MEETING IN OCTOBER.

PLEASE SEND US NEWS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING.



If you have an suggestion for a speaker or program for one of our meetings, please contact:

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**DON'T FORGET TO MARK
YOUR CALENDARS FOR:**

October 21, 2010
Member Luncheon Meeting
11:30 am, Faculty Dining Room,
Lake Worth Campus

December 9, 2011
Holiday Luncheon Party
11:30 am, Atlantis Country Club



Stuart-Ruth O'Connell, portraying First Lady Dolley Madison, enters the John F. Armstrong wing of the Blake Library ahead of her husband, Dan O'Connell, portraying President James Madison, as they walk toward the stage at the beginning of their presentation, "A Presidents' Day Celebration with Founding Father and First Lady, James and Dolly Madison". Both retired educators, the couple spoke to the audience about the Madisons' roles in American politics and history.